

***Swinnerton  
Family  
History***



**The Journal of the Swinnerton Society**



*Winter scene - St. Mary's, Swynnerton*









## From the Editor's desk

This issue contains a miscellaneous collection of Facts and Figures about the family through the ages. These snippets of information are invaluable to a family historian because they help to fill in the background of the family, giving us a picture of how they lived and what

they got up to ! This is Family History, so much better and more interesting than a bare 'Tree' with just a collection of names and dates.

Most of the information has been sent in by members of the Family Society but one or two are from other genealogists and friends who know that we are interested in ALL references to the family.

The Swinnertons of the future will want to know what the family is doing today so please continue to watch your national and local newspapers, magazines, etc. for any references and send them to me. Don't forget any old photographs, memorial cards, wedding invitations, etc. etc. - they are all valuable data.

History is a record of events and events are, in the main, caused by people so in recording the activities of a family we are helping to write a History for the generations to come.

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My good friend, Frank Higenbottam, a retired Librarian and Editor of the 'Higginbottom Family Bulletin' has pointed out that I erred when numbering the pages of the last issue. As it was the first of a new Volume the pages should have been numbered SFH3 pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Would you please amend your copies.

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### FROM THE REV. CHARLES SWYNNERTON'S PAPERS

(1597) With reference to your correspondent's inquiry, I wish to state that I am a member of the family, and should he wish to see me as to any information he may require I should be most happy to have an interview with him. In proof of my identity, I may say that my father was the late WILLIAM SWYNNERTON, who died in Bradford 22 years ago. A great uncle of mine was the proprietor of the "Macclesfield Courier" up to the time of his death 25 years ago, and to the best of my belief was Mayor of Macclesfield. I may say that I am not in possession of any particulars, as both parents died when I was about five years of age, but I have no doubt my eldest brother, WILLIAM THOMAS, whose address I lost about six months ago, could give every information required. I believe he is at present in Birmingham. I have two other brothers, by name JAMES HENRY and WALTER JOSEPH, whom I believe are in Australia. My sisters are MARY ELIZABETH, JULIA CAROLINE and JANE SWYNNERTON. My age is 26 years, born in Hertford, 1868. I went to a boarding school close to Swynnerton (or Swynnerton), Staffordshire, so I happened to know a little of the village. The executors of the will of the late Miss Jane Swynnerton and Miss Elizabeth Swynnerton, of Macclesfield, are Mr. James Grundy, North Street, Stone, Staffordshire and Miss Lean, Macclesfield.

GEORGE FREDERICK SWYNNERTON



## STAFFORDSHIRE MI's (3)

## ADBASTON

In memory of GEORGE SWINNERTON of Shebden who died  
18 December 1867 aged 20

In memory of BETSEY SWINNERTON born 17 -- 1850.  
Died Oct. 22 1859.

Also of EDWIN SWINNERTON son of FRANCIS & JANE  
SWINNERTON of Shebden b. Oct. 9 1834. d. Dec. 12 1863

In memory of FRANCIS SWINNERTON of Shebden who died  
14 Dec. 1867 aged 58 / also JANE, wife of FRANCIS  
SWINNERTON who died 22 Feb. 1887 aged 67

In memory of WILLIAM SWINNERTON ..... (rest illegible)

In memory of ALFRED JOHN SWINNERTON died 5 May  
1954 aged 3 months.

## GRAVE REGISTER BOOK

X12 Plot A	Row 7	Plot 12	Alfred John Swinnerton
G. 1	"	24	" 1 Wm. Swinnerton Tunstall. May 1954
G. 2	"	"	" 2 Francis & Jane Swinnerton
G. 3	"	"	" 3 Edwin & Betsey Swinnerton
G. 4	"	"	" 4 George Swinnerton

## STAFFORDSHIRE CENSUS RETURNS (1)

1841

Parish of BETLEY	(Ref. HO. 107 986 (14))			
Thomas SWINNERTON	45	Keeper	Yes	
Esther	"	45	Yes	
Elizabeth	"	14	Yes	
Henry	"	8	Yes	
Esther	"	5	Yes	
Thomas	"	5	Yes	
William SWINNERTON	25	Labourer	Yes	
Elizabeth	"	30	Yes	
Margaret	"	60	Yes	
William SWINNERTON	30	Agric. Lab.	Yes	
Elizabeth	"	30	No	
Mary	"	5	Yes	
Samuel	"	3	Yes	
Ralph	"	1	Yes	
Ralph SWINNERTON	55	Bricklayer	Yes	
Sarah	"	50	Yes	
Elizabeth Hulse	5		Yes	
(In the house of Joseph Plant)				
Joseph SWINNERTON	2		Yes	
James SWINNERTON	30	Bricklayer	Yes	
Hannah	"	30	Yes	
William	"	8	Yes	
Sarah	"	4	Yes	
John	"	1	Yes	

Transcript of the POLL TAX 1660 and the HEARTH TAX  
1664 for the Northwich Hundred of Cheshire (S. E.) in the  
library of the Society of Genealogists.

## POLL TAX (Church Lawton)

Richard SWINNERTON Single 1s.

## HEARTH TAX

Thomas SWINNERTON One Hearth Not charged

## HISTORY OF STANDISH, Lancs.

T. C. Porteous 1927

ROBERT de SWYNNERTON witness to a grant by Alina de  
Darlaston, Staffs. (Earl of Kilmorney's Mss. 10th.

Report Historical Manuscripts Commission.

(ex Eunice Wilson)

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## CHETHAM SOCIETY TRANSACTIONS. Vol. 69

(2)

## Manchester School Registers - Vol. 1.

Blest Colclough SWINNERTON, son of William Swinnerton esq,  
Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy Court of Lancaster, Butterson,  
Staffs. (28 Feb. 1761)

The son appears to have died before his father. In the  
Gentleman's Magazine for 1790 is the following recorded 'Died  
at Butterson in the county of Stafford, William Swinnerton esq,  
vice-chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, which place he held  
for 33 years, and recorder of Newcastle. His fortune devolves  
upon his only son Thomas Swinnerton esq, now abroad on his  
travels', who was High Sheriff of Staffordshire in 1795, and  
died at Butterson Hall near Newcastle, in 1836. The family  
of Colclough is of great antiquity in North Staffordshire.  
William Swinnerton referred to, married Margaret only child  
of Blest Colclough esq.

Addendum - p. 94 -

for mention of Thomas Swinnerton esq and Butterson Hall see  
Gentleman's Magazine for 1794 - pp 1077-81.

(ex M. Walcot)

## AN UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Pte. SAMUEL JOHN SWINNERTON  
No. 4055 2nd Battn. Warwickshire Regt.  
b. Stoke on Trent. Enlisted Warwick.  
Resident Stoke on Trent.

Killed in action Battle of Loos 25.9.1915.  
No known grave. Commemorated on Loos  
memorial in France.

(ex Ray Swinnerton)

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## LIST OF SOLICITORS &amp; ATTORNEYS

JOHN SWINNERTON of Furnivals Inn, London - gent.

Admitted 26 November 1729

(Society of Genealogists' Library - ex Eunice Wilson)

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## CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS FOR OSWESTRY 1608

Item, for the Frame, cloth, painting and setting up of  
Mr. JOHN SWINNERTON's Armes. paid iij s. vjd.  
(ex Mrs. Barbara Philpott)

This is JOHN, the father of Sir John, the Lord Mayor of  
London. Was this a payment in advance for his hatchment ?

## CONSULAR MARRIAGES for SWINNERTON

General Register Office.

Louisa	Rio de Janeiro	Vol. 3	(1860-65)	Page 96
John	Alexandria	Vol. 6	(1986-80)	Page 234

## REGIMENTAL CHAPLAINS' RETURNS - BIRTHS

General Register Office.

Violet Scott	Rawalpindi	1897	P. 158
Jane Clare	Wellington	1905	503







## From the Newspapers

### DOUBLE DIVIDEND

During the Royal visit to Northwood Stadium, Hanley, the Prince's eye was caught by Stoke-on-Trent City A. C.'s cycling twins, Paul and Catherine Swinnerton, leading a team in a demonstration on the training rollers.

"You must be mad", he joked about this stay-put method of cycle training, but no doubt he appreciated that it was a system that paid dividends - as the twins showed when they subsequently pulled off what surely must be a unique championship double.

Each won a national title in very different types of event on the same day, Catherine the British women's road race, and her brother, the 800 yards grass.

As the Prince would no doubt be the first to agree, there was method in their madness.

(Stoke on Trent Advertiser)

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### RESORT'S PLAN TO CURB GULL LIFE

Mr. Philip Roberts, 42, pricking a seagull's egg on the roof of a hotel in Llandudno where efforts are being made to keep the seabird population to a manageable proportion.

Armed with a stick to which a large pin is attached, the eggs in the nests are punctured. It is a three-day operation on behalf of the local hotels and restaurants association.

Together with Mr. Norman Swinnerton, 63, they expect to break 300 eggs this year. The seagulls will continue to sit on the eggs but the hope is that when they fail to hatch the birds will be sufficiently discouraged to nest elsewhere next year.

While one man pricks the eggs his companion guards him from the screaming, darting birds. Last year an angry seagull gashed Mr. Roberts's head. "I've learned my lesson and now I wear a cap", he said yesterday.

Mr. J. T. Williams, chairman of Llandudno Hotels and Restaurants Association said: "We don't want to spoil the seaside scene and get rid of all the seagulls but the number must be brought down to manageable proportions. They can be a nuisance."

A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said that he did not wish to comment about the scheme. "If you remove seagulls eggs the birds would just re-lay," he added, "but if you prick them the seagulls will sit on them until it is too late to re-lay."

(Daily Telegraph, 24 May 1977)

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SWINNERTON - On Sept. 9 1977 in hospital, JAMES PERCY aged 74 years of Wollaston, Stourbridge

(Times - Mon. 12 Sept. 1977)

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### COMPANY CHIEF DIES, 74

Mr. James Percy Swinnerton, head of a Stourbridge forgings company, has died aged 74.

He joined Swinnerton & Co., Platts Road, Amblecote, in 1916 and returned to it in 1946 after service with the RAF. He was its chairman and his wife is a director.

Mr. Swinnerton, of Park Road, Wollaston, who died on Friday, was a descendant of William Swinnerton, who began the family association with the blacksmithing industry more than 200 years ago.

His son, Lt. Col. Ian Swinnerton is the firm's managing director. The funeral will be at Belbroughton on Thursday.

(Birmingham Post - Monday, Sept. 12 1977)

### LUNCHEONS

#### Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

The President of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Maj. -Gen. Viscount Monckton of Brenchley and the Trustees yesterday held a luncheon at the Charing Cross Hotel, at which the Julian Bickersteth Memorial Medal for 1977 was presented to Lt. -Col. I. S. Swinnerton.

(Daily Telegraph, July 14 1977)

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### MEDAL AWARD

The Julian Bickersteth Memorial Medal has been awarded by the Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies to Lt. Col. I. S. Swinnerton of Beech Tree House, Norton Road, Stourbridge in recognition of his contribution to the study of family history. Colonel Swinnerton has been president of the Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry since 1972 and recently took a prominent part in organising an international conference of experts on genealogy. He also acts as archivist of the Swinnerton Family History Society, maintaining a record of all people with the same name of Swinnerton it is possible to trace.

The Bickersteth Medal commemorates the Rev. J. K. F. Bickersteth (1885-1962) who was sponsor of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, founded in part to investigate the causes of stability and breakdown in families which he looked upon as forming the basis of Christian civilisation.

(County Express, Sept. 2 1977)

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### 75 YEARS AGO

SPIRE - Repairs to Tardebigge Church's spire have now been completed by Messrs. Swinnerton and Son and the work on the tower has been commenced by Messrs. Bridgeman of Birmingham. A scaffold is being erected and it is intended to secure at all times all the stones that are in danger of falling and then leave the rest of the work till Spring.

(Redditch Advertiser, Dec. 1976)

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### NINE NEW FREEMEN ADMITTED.

Nine men including three members of the same family were made Freeman of the City of Chester at the first Pentice Court to be held since the new council took over.

The three were a father and his two sons, Mr. William Stretton Swinnerton, a retired steel inspector of Bryn Heulog, Nantyerry, Monmouth, Dr. Clive Swinnerton of Gottenham Rd., Histon, Cambridge and Mr. Guy Swinnerton, a senior college lecturer of Exe Hill, Veille Park, Torquay.

(Evening Sentinel July 1974)

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### HELICOPTERS COLLIDE

Two pilots escaped serious injury yesterday when their helicopters on a training flight from R. A. F. Ternhill, Market Drayton, Shropshire collided and crashed into a field at Hinstock. One pilot was treated for a broken arm and the other for cuts.

Miss Christine Swinnerton, 18, of Wood Lane, Hinstock said she heard a loud bang before the crash. An RAF spokesman said a full investigation would be made.

(Daily Telegraph 1970)



## MORE LONDON SWINNERTONS

Colonel JEREMY SWYNNERTON continued his correspondence with the District Librarian of the London Borough of Hackney (see SFH. 2 - No. 9 pp35/36). He received the following reply :-

"Dear Colonel Swynnerton,

Thank you for your letter and the copy of the Swinnerton Society bulletin. I am glad you found the information supplied by this library useful.

The Archivist has a manuscript volume of extracts from the parish registers for St. John at Hackney, 1555-1832, but this contains only one Sevynnerton, in any spelling, viz. Richard Sevynnerton, buried 16th July 1616, against whom is the note "In artia baccularii". No record of his relationship with anyone else is shown.

A list of surnames from the Index to the copy of the Parish Register (St. John-at-Hackney, Middlesex) deposited in the Guildhall Library A.D. 1892, appears to contain only the Ricd. Swynnerton, B.A. mentioned above.

In case you do not already have them a couple of photocopies mentioning Roger de Swynnerton are enclosed for your retention.

The Greater London Record Office holds most Parish Registers of St. John-at-Hackney: baptisms 1555/6-1952' marriages 1589/90-1968; burials 1593-1933. Indexes there do not cover all these periods.

Yours sincerely

(signed) A. R. Pickering

District Librarian  
for Borough Librarian. "

## CALENDAR OF LETTER-BOOKS PRESERVED AMONG THE ARCHIVES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON AT THE GUILDHALL - LETTER-BOOK E Circa A. D. 1314-1337

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"Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City, notifying the appointment of Robert de Haselshawe, Provost of Wells, Roger de Swynnerton, Constable of the Tower, and John de Dytton, Cannon of St. Paul's, together with such clerk as they may think fit to nominate, to be assessors and collectors of the sixth of movable goods granted by the Burgesses in the recent Parliament (*nuper in quodom tractatu*) at York, and enjoining that every assistance be afforded them.

Witness the King at York, 2 Dec. 16 Edward II (A. D. 1322).

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The King to the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and the Commonalty of the City, commending to their notice Roger de Swynnerton, whom he was sending to them on important business. Witness the King at the vill. of St. John, 7 Sept., 10 Edward III (A. D. 1336).

It is my firm opinion that a family tree, whether it boasts of kings or serfs, of bishops or highwaymen, is of little interest to any but the families who have sprung from it.

A. Ollier 1963.





FAMILY NOTES



Two new additions to the Australian family not yet recorded on the tree are PHOEBE ELIZABETH SWINNERTON b. 25 June 1977 at Cairns, North Queensland and CORRIE EVELYN SWINNERTON b. 25 February 1976 also at Cairns. Both are daughters of RUSSELL (RS. 34 and EVELYN SWINNERTON (See Betley Tree Table 2 S. F. H. Volume One No. 3 Sept. 1974). Russell is an Officer in the Royal Australian Navy and is shortly being posted to a Destroyer as Navigator having been Operations Officer at Cairns.

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The CYCLING SWINNERTONS have been chalking up some more successes. A letter received from Mr. ROY SWINNERTON just before the 'Gathering' says :-

*.... Our eldest son, Mark, is competing in Spain along with son-in-law Phil Griffiths in the Tour of Malaga. Bernadette (Phil's wife) and their two children are also in Spain and our 17 year old Margaret has gone along to help to cope. This of course leaves our family work force depleted !*

*Catherine is just back from South America where she finished 9th - the highest placed Briton in the World Road Championship. She and her twin brother, Paul, shared a double triumph this year when, on the same day, they won the British (Ladies) Road Race and the 800 metres Track Championships respectively. Paul had already won the 8 km Title with Mark 3rd.*

*Things get so hectic these days I am not sure I want the other children to be so successful ! .....*

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Another new arrival is DUNCAN SWINNERTON CURRIE b. 5 June 1977 in Scotland. He is the son of Norman Currie and Jean (née Swinnerton) and the grandson of the late RICHARD SWINNERTON (see S. F. H. Volume Two No. 8 - Unconnected Branches No. 1).

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